

## WORKING ON ASSESSMENTS

Probability Burlington Will Be Reduced  
About a Million Dollars.

## UNION PACIFIC TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

Lincoln Is Preparing to Give the  
Postmasters a Merry Time When  
the State Convention  
Meets.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, June 10.—(Special.)—The dove of peace settled down upon the State Board of Assessment today after its vacation of yesterday, and all seemed quiet and board members it seems safe to predict that the Union Pacific will be assessed at the same figures as last year, while the Burlington will be reduced in the neighborhood of 6 per cent, or about \$1,000,000.

At noon it looked probable that the Union Pacific would be increased a small amount, but late this afternoon a member of the board said this would never be done, though the board seems agreed upon a reduction of the Burlington assessment.

Last year the board assessed the Burlington at \$30,000,000 and the Union Pacific at \$10,575,000, which is one-fifth of the determined actual value. It now looks as though the Burlington will not be assessed at more than \$19,000,000.

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The board, on the advice of Attorney General Brown, has decided that it will have to make its assessment the same as it did last year insofar as the division of the valuation upon the mileage is concerned, as the Tax board seems agreed upon to waive his right to go into court upon these grounds. The board will not complete its work before some time next week.

College Objects to Assessment.

Union college has some objections to its educational institution upon which it does not want to pay taxes, consequently it has filed a protest with the County Board of Equalization. The property which has been assessed consists of tailor shop, farm equipment and printing office. The college claims that the money derived from these goes into the college treasury and is used for educational purposes and not for profit.

Entertainment for Postmasters.

The city of Lincoln is preparing to do itself proud when the Postmasters' association gets in next week. The entertainment committee has asked up seventy-five automobiles and in these the postmasters will be taken over the village and the exciting and interesting points will be shown them. Besides the ride there will be banquets, theaters, speeches and other entertainment galore. The association will hold forth from June 12 to 17, and as railroads have offered reduced rates, a large crowd is expected. The officers of the association are: Edward R. Sizer of Lincoln, president; H. B. Palmer of Omaha, first vice president; H. C. Miller of Grand Island, second vice president; Mrs. E. C. McDougal of Friend, third vice president; J. W. Fouts of Diller, fourth vice president; W. J. Cook of Blair, secretary and treasurer.

Capital City Briefs.

Count William Hayward and W. H. Wilson \$25.45 to make the race for the republican nomination for congress in this district. Each filed his expense account with the secretary of state today.

Secretary Bassett of the State Agricultural society, who was expected to deliver the address at the annual meeting of the Farmers' association at the State Fair board, will open up his office in the speaker's room at the state house the first of the week. The office fixtures and supplies, which have been at Brownville, are packed and will be shipped to Lincoln within a few days.

The National Guard has lost two of its officers by resignation, Lieutenant Gagel and Lieutenant Dussell, both of Company K, First regiment, stationed at Columbus. The officers said their business was too urgent to devote the time to the guard, hence they resigned.

Adjutant General Culver has received word from Lieutenant Whelan of the Thirty-second infantry that he will address the officers' school Tuesday evening on small arms practice and targets. Lieutenant Whelan is stationed at Fort Crook.

Adjutant General Culver, Colonel McDonald and Colonel Storch expect to attend the meeting of the Interstate National Guard association, to begin in St. Paul June 13. The latter two go as delegates from Nebraska. Secretary of War Taft and other prominent men will address the meeting.

Supreme Court Call.

These cases will be called for hearing June 20:

Shannon against Omaha (argument on motion for rehearing); Douglas; Fremont; Eikhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad company against Hannibal (argument on motion for rehearing); Holt; State against Connolly; original; State against Luedke; original; Lewis against McMillen; Thomas; Ruff against Garvey; Cedar; First State Bank of Overton against Stephen Bros.; Dawson; Smith against Delane; Custer; Lexington Bank against Phoenix Insurance company; Dawson; Connolly against State; Sloux; Baker against McDonald; Dodge; Brandon against Jensen; Kearney; Temple against Carroll; Dawson; Kinkead against Targerson; Dakota; Woods against Lincoln Gas and Electric Light company; Lancaster; City of Lincoln against "Electric Harbort; Dawson; Light; Johnson; Koslowski against Newman; Platt; Jensen against Royal Highlanders; Seward; Jensen against Williams; Kinkead; Seward; Charles Nelson; deceased; Saunders; Dodd against Kennick; Dodge; Budd against Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company; Douglas; Teetzel against Davidson Bros.; Marable company; Douglas; Walters against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company; Red Willow.

Oral arguments in the following cases will not be heard before Wednesday, June 21, 1905:

Miller against Lovern & Browne company; Frontier; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company against Dowd; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company against Crossman; Holt; Hornung against Herring; Lancaster;

Metropolitan Mutual Bond and Surety company against Shanahan; Douglas; Burlington; Lancaster; Wall against Kerr; recovered and brought in by Douglas; Morrison against Hunter; Harlan; Temple against Kinney; Lancaster; Lee against Merritt; Merrick; Rosenberger against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company; Sloux; Pith against Martin; Douglas; Halter against State; Douglas; New Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric Light company against Rembold (oral argument on motion for rehearing); Douglas; Young against State; Lancaster; Alnoworth against Douglas; Douglas; State against State; Dawson; Knights of the Macabees against Searle; Lancaster; State ex rel Saunders against Pink; Douglas.

BURLINGTON TRAIN IS WRECKED

Extra Freight Goes Through Bridge

and Fireman Is Crushed to Death.

EUSTIS, Neb., June 10.—(Special Telegram.)—An extra freight train on the Burlington ran into a trestle five miles west of here about 1:30 this morning. The train was eastbound with two engines. The head engine passed over, but the second engine dropped into the ditch. The engineer and head brakeman, who were in the engine at the time, escaped without serious injury, but Clyde Soderburg, the fireman, was caught between the engine boiler and tender and instantly killed.

Two cars behind the engine loaded with corn were telescoped and three other cars wrecked. The head engine was slightly damaged, but was repaired and came into Eustis, where a gang of men was secured and taken to the scene of the wreck. As many as could get on to the wrecked engine went to work to get the dead fireman out. The body was finally recovered and brought to Eustis and placed in care of Undertaker Hobbs. Mr. Soderburg, who was 23 years of age, lived at Holyoke with his parents and a brother and sister. He was to have been married in July.

The washout was caused by a heavy rain which fell about midnight. Another washout occurred between Curtis and Moorefield. During the storm hail did considerable damage to crops south of Eustis.

SEEK PROTECTION FROM PLATTE

Sapary County Farmers Would Have

the Old Levee Restored.

PAPILLION, Neb., June 10.—(Special.)—A committee composed of the following prominent farmers, Messrs. Sandy, Harrington and Minnehan of Forest City precinct, appeared before the commissioners this week asking help from the county to repair the levee which was built eighteen years ago to protect the lowlands of Forest City precinct from the overflow of the Platte river. The high waters this spring have washed away about 400 feet of the old levee, with the result that several thousand acres of valuable farm land have been inundated, besides great damage to the roads and bridges. The committee wants the county to pay half of the costs, which would be \$3,000. No action was taken, as only two commissioners were present at the time the committee was before the board.

STRANGER GIVES BOY A SCARE

Holding Gun in Face Orders Him

Exchange Clothes and Run.

PAPILLION, Neb., June 10.—(Special.)—While playing corn in Forest City precinct the 15-year-old son of John Mella had the pleasure of exchanging clothes with a stranger. The stranger, who was dressed in a suit and carried a revolver, held the boy's head in his hands and ordered him to exchange clothes with him, as officers and blood hounds were on his trail. He told the boy to take the clothes and run. The boy, who was dressed in a suit and carried a revolver, held the boy's head in his hands and ordered him to exchange clothes with him, as officers and blood hounds were on his trail. He told the boy to take the clothes and run. The boy, who was dressed in a suit and carried a revolver, held the boy's head in his hands and ordered him to exchange clothes with him, as officers and blood hounds were on his trail. He told the boy to take the clothes and run.

VACATES TOWNSHIP OF PORTAL

Room City of Sary County to Be

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Cass County Sunday School Workers.

ELMWOOD, Neb., June 10.—(Special.)—The Cass county Sunday school convention was held here this week with more than 100 delegates present and was the most enthusiastic ever held. Dr. P. C. Johnson, the chaplain of the state penitentiary, gave several interesting talks, and Thomas Darnell of Lincoln electrified the convention on the subject of Cass county temperance. C. C. Westcott of Plattsmouth was elected president; Mr. Ambler of Weeping Water, vice president; George M. Porter of Plattsmouth, secretary, and George Rowland of Avoca, treasurer. Prof. E. L. Row of Plattsmouth was elected superintendent of normal work.

Holdridge Junior Normal.

HOLDRIDGE, Neb., June 10.—(Special.)—The first week of the Holdridge junior normal has just closed with an enrollment of 141. Everything points to a very successful summer school. The teachers are more enthusiastic than ever before, and many of them having been in attendance at the normal during the summers of 1903 and 1904. Principal S. H. Thompson, superintendent of the Holdridge city schools, has effected a strong organization and has everything in first class shape. He is assisted by an able corps of fine instructors.

York College Closes Fifteenth Year.

YORK, Neb., June 10.—(Special.)—York college closed its fifteenth year of educational work this week. The total enrollment for the year was 394. The graduates in all departments numbered thirty-seven, of whom also earned state certificates. Dr. Schell will continue at the head of the institution, and but few changes have been made in the corps of teachers.

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There are shell beads in abundance, but not a single relic showing contact with whites was found.

Joseph Day of Castana is interested in the archaeology of that region, and you may look for him to throw more light on this subject, as he will continue explorations in that vicinity. I have one vessel with fabric impressions on the outside which I took out of this mound in Monona county, Iowa.

E. E. BLACKBURN.

Nance County School Graduates.

FULLERTON, Neb., June 10.—(Special.)—Yesterday a large crowd assembled at the opera house to bid adieu to the graduating exercises of the pupils of the rural schools of Nance county. County Superintendent Ward Smith had the affair in charge. The address to the graduates was delivered by Prof. Clemmons of the Free-

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